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SUBJECT: JAPAN GATT ART. 22 CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT

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1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, EMBASSY INFORMED FONOFF (HAYASHI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, SECOND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEVISION, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU) THAT U.S. WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN ART. 22 (1) CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, URGED THAT GENEVA BE SITE AND SAID END OF JANUARY WOULD PROBABLY BE SATISFACTORY TIME FOR US. HAYASHI ASKED WHETHER WE HAD NOTIFIED GATT SECRETARIAT; EMBOFF STATED IMPRESSION WE ARE DOING SO CURRENTLY.

2. HAYASHI SAID GOJ IS HAVING SOME PROBLEMS WITH TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS, SINCE OFFICIALS WHO WILL BE TAKING PART ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR BUDGET QUESTIONS IN DIET. HE HE SAID AUSTRALIANS (PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS) HAD SUGGESTED FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY SO THAT PARTICIPANTS IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS GROUP (TNG) IN GENEVA COULD CONDUCT ART. 22

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(1) CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO TNG MEETING. GOJ HAS

DIFFICULTY WITH THIS PROPOSAL, SAID HAYASHI, IN THAT TNG
PARTICIPANTS FOR GOJ WOULD NOT BE THE SAME INDIVIDUALS TAKING
PART IN ART. 22 (1) CONSULTATIONS.

3. COMMENT: HAYASHI DID NOT SAY, BUT IT WOULD FOLLOW
FROM HIS LAST COMMENT, THAT GOJ MAY BE HOPING TO CONSULT
IN TOKYO. DEPENDING UPON DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE WE
PLACE ON GENEVA VENUE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER
COORDINATED APPROACH WITH AUSTRALIANS AND OTHERS TO
PRESENT ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF HOLDING CONSULTATIONS IN
GENEVA.
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